

# **Chinley Buxworth and Brownside Parish Council**

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## **Clerk's Report – July 2017**

**Agenda Item 6 (c) – Seating/benches in the parish** – Councillors Drabble and Smith have completed the parish bench audit. This has now been circulated. Locations of the two requested memorial benches now need to be agreed as well as a plan going forward on replacement/maintenance of our benches. HPBC have confirmed that the parish council are responsible for the benches at Derwent Square, Rhuddlan Place and on the A624 and therefore we can replace the benches in these locations as necessary.

**Agenda Item 6 (d) – Proposed changes to yellow line restrictions in Chinley** – the residents on Green Lane and Belle Vue have now been consulted. All responses received back so far have been overwhelmingly in support of the principle. Isobel Mulligan at DCC is happy to proceed with the TRO on this basis and I am awaiting a copy of the final proposed TRO for approval at the meeting which will incorporate all of the current proposals for Chinley including Lower Lane and Station Road as well.

**Agenda Item 6 (e) – Buxworth broadband** – Dianne Davies has advised that there are now 39 households signed up to the “Fibre to the Premises” initiative and they have all agreed to make the necessary payments to have this service. Dianne will attend the Open Forum of our July meeting to update council and request that the parish council act as a contracting body for this process. She will explain the implications of this but it would involve collecting two payments from the 39 residents, one in September and one on project completion, and then making two payments ourselves to BT Openreach on behalf of the Buxworth residents. There is an additional discount available currently which would mean BT Openreach subsidise the payment by 75% instead of 50% which Dianne is keen to take advantage of.

**Agenda Item 6 (f) – Tree Survey Autumn 2016** – I have met with Monica Gillespie from HPBC to discuss the works highlighted in the Autumn 2016 Tree Survey on Squirrel Green. She has granted permission for the majority of these works as well as some additional work to the trees overhanging 1 Princes Road. Monica has also taken a look at the two Ash trees in Buxworth that were required to be protected as part of the planning permission for the car park but she does not consider that any work is required on these trees at the moment. She would however like us to monitor them going forward. Mark Appleby and Andy Thomson will carry out all remaining approved works from the tree survey w.c. 31<sup>st</sup> July, the quote for which was already agreed to last year. Approval required for August payment.

**Agenda Item 6 (g) – Parish newsletter** – The summer edition of the parish newsletter has now been printed and distributed, in colour on glossy paper. It was distributed in book bags at Chinley and Buxworth primary schools, via Parmars newsagents in morning newspapers and the Buxton Advertiser as well as via local businesses, noticeboards, Chinley Community Centre and local churches. Two copies were also posted as requested. Feedback has been positive so far. If this were to be written quarterly the next edition would best be printed/distributed in early September then late November and then March. Agreement needed on how to proceed with the September edition.

**Agenda Item 6 (h) – Flail tops at Buxworth** – I have met with Angie Seymour who is part of a team of volunteers who record butterfly numbers weekly during part of the year on behalf of Butterfly Conservation. She has suggested which areas can be cut back each year as well as

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areas which would be better left to help encourage the butterfly and moth populations. She has also highlighted one area that could be split into thirds whereby one third gets cut back each year on a rolling basis. This proposal will be presented at the meeting and once agreed quotes can be obtained to get the work done. The ideal time to do this work is mid-September onwards. By all accounts there has been an increase in common ragwort on our land which Angie argues is a good source of nectar for the butterflies but is poisonous to horses and cattle. There was also a lot of Himalayan Balsam present which we also need to consider.

**Agenda Item 6 (i) – Giant Hogweed Hunters Green Close Chinley** – I have been in touch with the Environment Agency. They maintain the wall from which the Giant Hogweed is growing since the wall is a raised floodbank. As a result they have sprayed the species and are due to return any time now when the plants should have died back.

**Agenda Item 6 (j) – Grounds Maintenance** – I have met with Matt Steane, the DCC contractor who carries out the grounds maintenance works on our behalf, to establish the work he carries out and at what frequency. I am now waiting on a breakdown of costs from DCC for each item on our specification in order to move forwards on looking at our ground maintenance contracts.

**Agenda Item 8 (b) – Electrical works in Parish Room** – I have met with Stanways and Hallows Electrical to discuss heating and electrical supply in the Parish Room. A quote for works will be provided at the meeting for consideration.

Georgina Cooper - Parish Clerk

20<sup>th</sup> July 2017